(a) the estimated quantity and quality of coal at Charla in Khammam district;

(b) whether his Ministry has any plan to take up mining of coal there;

(c) is so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOWDA): (a) to (d) The estimated reserves of coal at Charla in Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh is about 28 m.t. and indicated grade of coal varies from 'D' to 'E'. The Ministry of Coal has already sanctioned an advance action plan for Rs. 6.40 crores for taking up essential preliminary activities for development of Charla Open at mine with an annual output capacity of 0.55 million tonnes.

Bridge at Kothavalasa (SER)

5514. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to build over-bridge/flyover at Kothavalasa (near Visakhapatnam) railway crossing (South Eastern Railway) which divides the busy commercial areas of the town;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of the project and when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Claim Cases pending at Jhansi

5515. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of the employees pending involving financial issues in Jhansi division;

(b) the number of such cases of the Gangmen;

(c) since when these are pending and the reasons for the delay in the finalisation thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the sabha.

[*Translation*]

Spare Parts for Locomotives in DLW

5516. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Railway engine's spare parts used in Diesel Locomotive Workshop, Varanasi are supplied by the local units of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, whether thise is done through open tender and by negotiation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For procurement of Stores normal tendering procedure is followed and further negotiation are also held, if considered necessary.

(c) Does not arise.

Stoppage of Express trains at stations on Bhatni-Varanasi Section.

5517. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: